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1. POST PLEASED TO LEARN THAT WOOLLONS' TRANSFER SAIGON CANCELED AND THAT HE WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO BRIDGETOWN AFTER HOME LEAVE FOR AN EXTENDED TOUR OF DUTY OF TWO MORE YEARS. ASSUME AMENDED ORDERS WILL FOLLOW SOONEST.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMENDMENT OF 22 CFR 41.6 (B) WILL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1. SINCE WOOLLONS WILL BE ON HOME LEAVE AT THAT TIME AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL AUGUST 1, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT NEW CONOFF POSITION BE FILLED FORTHWITH. EMBASSY AGAIN EMPHASIZES THAT IT NEEDS SENIOR SUBORDINATE OFFICER IN CONSULAR SECTION OF FSO-5 RANK TO HEAD UP SECTION IN CONSUL GENERAL'S ABSENCES ON LEAVE OR IN TRAVEL STATUS TO OTHER ISLANDS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANDED NONIMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT.

3. PLANS NOW UNDERWAY TO MAKE NECESSARY PHYSICAL CHANGES TO LAYOUT OF CONSULAR SECTION AND OPERATION WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED PRIOR WOOLLONS' DEPARTURE ON LEAVE.

4. SINCE FSSO-4 JAMES R. TODD AND FSR-5/FSSO-4 SALLYBETH M. BUMBREY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED BY FIRST TOUR JUNIOR OFFICERS WITH NO PREVIOUS CONSULAR EXPERIENCE AND REMAINING CONOFF, FSSO-4
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DEBBIE R. GUILER HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN OTHER THAN VISA OPERA-

TIONS, EMBASSY HOPES THAT DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NECESSITY OF HAVING NEW POSITION FILLED BY OFFICER WITH AN ALL-ROUND CONSULAR BACKGROUND. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GUILER, ON BASIS OF LONGEVITY SALARY STEP, WOULD OUTRANK ANY FSO-6 AND EVEN FSO-5 IN FIRST SALARY STEP.

5. REPLACEMENTS FOR TODD AND BUMBREY (TERRY SCHNELL AND CONSTANCE HUGGINS) SHOULD REPORT FOR DUTY NOT LESS THAN ONE FULL WEEK PRIOR TODD'S AND BUMBREY'S DEPARTURES FOR MINIMUM ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN NIV OPERATION.
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